GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme for promotion of sports for physically challenged;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of sports competitions conducted for disabled persons during the last three years;

(d) the details of sports infrastructure created for disabled persons; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated for the promotion of sports for disabled persons, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry is formulating a new scheme entitled 'Scheme of Games & Sports for the Disabled', under which, financial assistance will be provided for training the trainers of disabled sportspersons and for conducting District, State and National level championships for the disabled. However, pending finalization of the new Scheme, the Ministry is already providing financial assistance to the recognized National Sports Federations for promotion of sports amongst disabled through Paralympic Committee of India, All India Sports Council of the Deaf and Special Olympic Bharat, under the scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations'. Financial assistance is being provided to these National Sports Federations for national coaching camps, organizing National championships and international events in India and participation in international events abroad. The details of funds provided during the last three years under the existing scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations' to these three Federations, excluding expenditure under National coaching camps, which are organized through the Sports Authority of India, are as under:-

Slo.N	Name of the Federation	Central AssistanceReleased(Rs. in lakhs) 2005- 06	2006-07	2007-08(as on29.02.2008
1	All India Sports Council of the Deaf	13.43	19.15	16.40
2.	Paralympic Committee of India	13.50	33.34	217.69
3.	Special Olympic Bharat	0.00	4.50	92.00

(d) : 'Sports' being a State subject it is primarily the responsibility of the State Govt. to create sports facilities for all, including disabled persons.

(e) : No State-wise funds are allocated for the promotion of sports for disabled persons.